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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 0.7 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA, April 20, 2011 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during March 2011 totaled 929 million pounds, 0.7 percent below last March's production of 936 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 543,000 head, no change from February 2011, but 2,000 more than March 2010.

Production per cow averaged 1,710 pounds in March, 200 pounds more than February's production per cow but 20 pounds less than March 2010's average of 1,730 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during March 2011 totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February production, revised at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March, 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010 and 17,000 more than February 2011.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011
Milk Cows	Thous.	541	543	543	8,329	8,405	8,422
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,730	1,510	1,710	1,848	1,664	1,872
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	936	820	929	15,389	13,987	15,763

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